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REMARKS

Claims 1-15 remain pending in this application with claims 1, 4, 5 and 8 being amended by this response.

Objection to the Drawings

The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5). The drawings have been amended in accordance with the comments of the Examiner to include reference numeral 44. Support for these amendments is provided throughout the specification and specifically on page 8, line 2. Thus, it is respectfully submitted no new matter is added by these amendments. In view of the above remarks and amendments to figure 1, it is respectfully submitted that this objection is satisfied and should be withdrawn.

Rejection of Claim 1 under 35 USC § 102(b)

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by British Patent No. 2,226,705. Claim 3 is indicated as allowable. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitation of Claim 3, and thus is also allowable. In view of the above remarks and amendments to Claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection is satisfied and should be withdrawn.

Rejection of Claims 1 and 13 under 35 USC § 102(b)

Claims 1 and 13 are rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Turriere (Pat No 3,510,877). Claim 3 is indicated as allowable. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitation of Claim 3, and thus is also allowable. As Claims 13 is dependant on Claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that Claim 13 is allowable for the same reasons as discussed above in regard to Claim 1. In view of the above remarks and amendments to Claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection is satisfied and should be withdrawn.

Having fully addressed the Examiner's rejections, it is believed that, in view of the preceding amendments and remarks, this application stands in condition for

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allowance. Accordingly then, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully solicited. If, however, the Examiner is of the opinion that such action cannot be taken, the Examiner is invited to contact the applicant's attorney at the phone number below, so that a mutually convenient date and time for a telephonic interview may be scheduled.

No fee is believed due. However, if a fee is due, please charge the fee to Deposit Account 07-0832.

Respectfully submitted,
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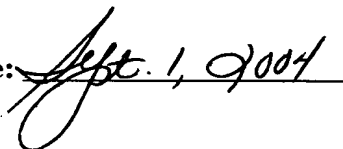
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In the Drawings

Please amend Figure 1 as shown on the attached sheet.